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AOGS has become a prominent organization that brings together an entire hemisphere of geoscientists and their research. Thus, it will be essential in the coming decade to ensure continued good communication across disciplines and societies, and to seek ways to improve that communication. Planetary science as a field of research is experiencing exciting growth, with new space agencies venturing into the exploration of objects beyond Earth, and reduced barriers to accessing space. As President of the AOGS Planetary Science section, I would work to ensure that AOGS encompasses the breadth of topics in planetary science research. I would also work with the AOGS organization to explore ways to reach diverse scientists and people around the world, to make society activities welcoming to people of all backgrounds. As a person based in the United States, which drives much of planetary science, I would seek to increase AOGS participation by scientists and organizations in this part of the world. As Section President, I would expect to communicate quarterly with the AOGS council, and more often as needed, to address AOGS's mission of promoting geophysical science for the benefit of Oceania.